

pirate cases there was no verdict rendered by the trial jury.

Farnum having been returned to the jail, within no long time thereafter it was broken open by a band composed of Mr. Lamar and some of his followers, and Farnum was let loose. He subsequently returned to prison under some arrangement, possibly upon condition that he would be bailed, but I was absent from Savannah at the time of his release, and have no knowledge of what the arrangement was.

As it may possibly be of some interest to know what finally became of him I read the following sketch:

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"Farnum, John Egbert, soldier, born in New Jersey, 1st of April, 1824; died in New York city, 16th of May, 1870. He was educated in Pottsville, Pa., entered the army as sergeant-major of the First Pennsylvania infantry in 1846, and served through the Mexican war. Subsequently he joined the Lopez expedition to Cuba, which left New Orleans in 1859, and also took an active part in Walker's Nicaraguan expeditions.

"Still later he was captain of the steam yacht *Wanderer*, and was indicted, at Savannah, for carrying on the slave trade. He is said to have regretted this episode in his life; and, at the beginning of the civil war, he became major of the Seventieth New York volunteers, which was raised and commanded by General Sickles. He distinguished himself for gallantry in all the engagements in which Sickles's brigade took part and was promoted colonel of his regiment. At the battle of Williamsburg, May 5, 1862, he was severely wounded, but recovered in time to take part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville